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The Anglican Communion is not broken, Bishop David Chillingworth

Bishop David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church is currently completing a number of engagements in the USA. One was a meeting with the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the Primate of Canada.

Writing on his blog, the Primus contends that **“The Anglican Communion is not broken.** Far from it – it is a vibrant attempt to shape the life of a global communion without having a single central authority. I’ve been in Rome twice during this year and I have had the opportunity of learning about a very different church. To them, we are a remarkable experiment in building a global Communion of churches across boundaries of race, culture, economics and just about everything else. They can see the value of our patterns of synodical government. But we do our disagreements very publicly. We are in some

sense a ‘work in progress’ loosely held together by the Four Instruments of Communion – the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates Meeting.

“How can I say it is not broken?”

“Look at the network of Companionship Relationships – the relationship of your Diocese of Ohio with Belize and Tanzania and the relationship of our Diocese of St Andrews with the Diocese of Calcutta in the Church of North India. Those relationships don’t arise as part of some great Anglican Communion programme. They are formed and they grow because dioceses on different continents and in different contexts feel the need to connect, to support and pray for one another and to be part of a larger whole .

“Then there are the Anglican Networks – Family, Peace and Justice, Environment, Women and many more. Once again, there is very flimsy organisation but plenty of energy. The Anglican Alliance co-ordinates the response of the

Communion to situations of great need. And there is Continuing Indaba – honest conversation across difference in the cause of mission

“But of course to the casual observer and to the media, the Anglican Communion often looks as if it is breaking – heading towards that final sundering. And yet it doesn’t happen and somehow we muddle through.

“As you know, I grew up in Ireland and spent much of my adult life there. In ministry, I was a priest and pastor with a particular commitment to reconciliation and peace-making. In Ireland, the sources of conflict were often starkly clear – they were political and religious. The fault lines ran in parallel and they reinforced each other. In Scotland and in Ireland, we call that sectarianism.

“In the Anglican Communion, we face many challenges. Human sexuality in general and same sex marriage in particular are difficult for us to deal with – living as we do in such radically different contexts. Here too our fault lines run in parallel and our differences can reinforce each other. There are issues about how we read scripture and understand its authority. There is

the hidden legacy of colonialism which affects the way in which we ‘read’ and respond to one another. There are acute differences about the way in which we exercise authority and leadership. Some exercise authority in a very collegial context. Others exercise authority in a context in which authority is more personally held. Bishops and Primates are not the same everywhere and this causes constant misunderstanding and disappointment.

“At the heart of the life of the Anglican Communion is a single crucial challenge – it is the tension between the desire of provinces to exercise autonomy and our need to practise interdependence – to be communion-minded and to express a deeper catholicity.

“Over the years, we have made many attempts to square this circle. The Virginia Report of 1997 and more recently the proposed Anglican Covenant have addressed this issue.

“The Primates Meeting of 2016 took a strong move towards emphasising the interdependence of provinces rather than their autonomy and

imposing ‘consequences’ on the Episcopal Church. We in Scotland may experience the same if our General Synod approves our proposals for canonical change in the area of marriage when it meets next June. But the issue is not resolved. It is challenging to resolve because ultimately it is a spiritual issue. It is the tension between ‘what we want to do and feel we must’ and ‘how God calls us to live faithfully together’. One suggestion about how this could be possible is that, as in a marriage, the partners must learn to practise some degree of mutual submission.

“I do not *think* that that our problems will ever all be resolved. That’s not because I am pessimistic. It’s because I can see that the issues here are about how we are disciples with one another in very different places and very different cultures of church life. And that is the challenge which we must address.”

‘Reviled’ priests’ morale at all time low, conference hears

The diocesan priest in Ireland today was “often pitied, patronised, reviled, insulted, disrespected, ignored and resented,” Fr Brendan Hoban said at

the Association of Catholic Priests (ACP) annual meeting in Athlone on Wednesday, Patsy McGarry writes in The Irish Times.

“A gale-force wind is now in our faces, it’s the middle of the second half and we’re 6-0 down,” said Fr Hoban, a co-founder of the association.

Priests were “the equivalent of Plymouth Argyle, struggling to stay in the third division.”

They were being bullied and were prone to depression with an increase in suicide rates over recent years, he added.

He said that with “no vocations, congregations melting before our eyes, collections declining by the year” morale was “at an all-time low.”

He asked: “How can the last priests in Ireland survive the final years of their lives with comfort, esteem and affection?”

As they aged they were “expected to work longer and harder” while the effect was that “we morph into sacrament-dispensing machines” with “progressively little or no engagement with our parishioners”.



Fr Brendan Hoban said priests were being bullied and were prone to depression with an increase in suicide rates over recent years, at the Association of Catholic Priests’s annual meeting.

Meanwhile, “the level of distrust between priests and bishops is such that a build-up of resentment and anger is increasingly obvious in some dioceses.”

Some bishops were “using their positions to force their personal authority on priests.” He felt “the word ‘bullying’ is not inappropriate.”

This distrust was “exacerbated” by the papal nuncio who ignored “the traditions of dioceses, the preference of priests and the rights of people

to genuine as opposed to mock consultation” in the appointment of bishops. The consequent “unhappy and sometimes bizarre choice of bishops” added “unnecessarily to the burden of priests” as did pressure to serve beyond the retirement age of 75.

Referring to situations in which bishops automatically reported anonymous allegations of child abuse to gardaí, he said this was “a practice that would be unconscionable and much resisted “where other professions were concerned.

“We elderly priests live increasingly isolated lives, a condition exacerbated by age. We live alone. We often have few close friends, diminishing as we grow older.”

Combined “with the implosion of our church” it meant “we’re prone to depression in one or other of its manifestations.”

As old age beckoned “there’s a growing sense, almost of desperation, when we realise how little care, esteem or affection may be in our lives.”

In the media they were now “ritually presented as bad news people, controlling, oppressing, limiting, obsessing.”

He acknowledged he was painting a bleak picture. “And I will no doubt be accused of being negative by the usual suspects, including some bishops.” But he believed the question that needed to be asked “is not whether my presentation of the landscape of our lost tribe is bleak or negative, but is it true?”

Dr Marie Keenan of UCD’s School of Applied Social Science urged the priests “to mourn the loss of what has gone, individually and collectively so that it can be let go without trying to cling on, and to enable the new light of renewal to shine. Renewal comes in the wake of our grieving.”

International studies had shown that that “while the majority of priests are coping, they show signs of needing professional or emotional attention and organised help if they are to adjust adequately to the challenges of modern priesthood.”

She urged them “to consider a nationwide campaign of healing circles involving clergy – and later involving laity, victims and offenders. I urge you to reinstate forgiveness and redemption as being of God and something which we might all work to with courage.”

Most of all, she urged them “to take care of yourself in this time of uncertainty and challenge”.

Survivors of abuse deserve far more than a ‘deafening silence’ from the C of I

It’s the biggest sex abuse case ever taken against an individual in this country. Some of it happened in the biggest church on the island. But it doesn’t matter because the Church is not Catholic, Victoria White writes in the Irish Examiner.

Patrick O’Brien’s up to 1,000 counts of abusing young boys in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin over 40 years is not a national story because it can’t be used to tell the story of adults from Catholic homes and because they are the majority they are the only people who count.

O’Brien, now 76, was a volunteer at the cathedral for four decades. He was the Honorary Treasurer of the Friends of St Patrick’s Cathedral and he took up the collection at the cathedral’s iconic annual Christmas Eve service.

He used the access this work gave him to groom and abuse young boys from the cathedral choir. Men who were at the Cathedral School in the 1970s remember him buying boys toys, watches, a bicycle and, in one case, a car.

Last week he was sentenced to 13 years in prison after pleading guilty to 48 sample counts of sex abuse against 14 boys between 1974 and 2013. The abuse took place in a variety of locations — in Kildare, in Westmeath, in a boat in Loughrea — and in electrics room of St Patrick's Cathedral while church services were going on.

It didn't make any difference to the victims that O'Brien groomed his boys from a church choir and abused some of them in that church. But to those of us to whom the church means something, it matters.

St Patrick's Cathedral is the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland and to me it has always been the beating heart of Dublin. When I lived around the corner I attended services there and it was in St Patrick's that I was confirmed. My first child was christened in the baptismal font on the site where St Patrick is said to have performed the first Irish christenings.

For all I know Patrick O'Brien was hard at it in a back room during the service. But that's not what distresses me most. As a member of the Church of Ireland I am shocked by the lack of an appropriate response from the Church or the Cathedral.

The truly devastating aspect of the story is O'Brien was convicted of the abuse of a 10-year-old boy called Kerry Lawless in 1987 and received a two year suspended sentence. Despite this conviction, Patrick O'Brien was allowed to return to the cathedral as a volunteer and worked away, in every sense of the word, until 2004 when representations were made by Kerry Lawless.

We do not yet know how many young boys O'Brien got to abuse in that decade and a half but there were likely many. There are currently five civil cases being brought against the cathedral and this has seriously spooked the cathedral staff.

Fear of possible financial implications is probably behind the Church's poor response to date. Kerry Lawless, who is now 44, attended service at St Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday expecting the case would be mentioned. There wasn't a word.

The cathedral has made a pro forma statement praising the “courage” of the victims in coming forward but otherwise has sought to distance itself. The first comment of Dean William Morton in a short interview on RTÉ’s Drivetime radio programme was to say that Patrick O’Brien was “not a member of the Church of Ireland as far as the cathedral is concerned”. How could that possibly matter to his victims? And what does it mean? Patrick O’Brien was a member of the congregation of St Patrick’s, as confirmed to me yesterday by the Church of Ireland press office. By saying he was “not a member of the Church of Ireland” Morton sounded like he meant he was not born into the Church, though he denies this was his intent.

Nearly every statement Dean Morton made to RTÉ was an attempt to fence off the cathedral from O’Brien’s crimes. It was a long time ago. O’Brien was not a priest or an employee. Though he was honorary treasurer of Friends of St Patrick’s Cathedral that wasn’t the same as fundraising for the Church. He abused in other places as well so why was St Patrick’s being “singled out”?

Hell, I don't know. Maybe because it's a big church and it's meant to be there to spread God's love?

Dean Victor Griffin, who allowed O'Brien back in as a volunteer after his initial conviction, is 92 and described as too ill to speak to the media, though he commented widely this summer when the current dean was elected. Meanwhile former Dean Robert McCarthy who put an end to O'Brien's volunteering at the cathedral said last week that the abuse which happened after the 1987 sentence occurred because the courts did not impose a stiff enough sentence.

Kerry Lawless calls this response "an absolute abdication of responsibility". It comes, he says, from "a lack of empathy." You feel "lack of empathy" is what hurts him most. After O'Brien was convicted of sexually abusing him no mention of it was made to him by the dean of the cathedral or by the headmaster of the Cathedral School which he attended. He has never received an apology from the cathedral.

He calls the Church of Ireland community "arrogant" and adds: "There was a deafening silence from the Church of Ireland when the sex

abuse cases were breaking in the Catholic Church.”

This silence is met with the silence of wider Irish society. The Sunday World has followed the story and the Herald put it on their front page but the massive sex abuse scandal in a national cathedral has been given a fraction of the media coverage a similar abuse story would have were the Church in question Catholic.

Lawless describes himself as “taken aback” by this and warns that only media pressure will force an appropriate response from the Church of Ireland.

I don't care about the lack of response of the Church of Ireland as much as I care about the lack of response from wider society. We have used child abuse in the Catholic Church as a useful metaphor for throwing off the bits of the past we don't want but we don't care about the children who were abused.

Abuse is just as common in every other Church and every other setting in which there is access, but it doesn't serve as a metaphor for the experience of the majority so it doesn't matter. Children don't matter.

And as Kerry Lawless says, that is the response that abusers like Patrick O'Brien "count on".

Irish Presbyterian concern at genocide in South Sudan

Following a warning from the United Nations that the world's newest nation is 'at risk of outright ethnic war, and of genocide being committed,' the Convener of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's (PCI) Council for Global Mission, Rev. Dr. Liz Hughes, has again expressed her concern at the situation in South Sudan and has asked people to continue to pray for the country and its people.

South Sudan, which became independent from Sudan in July 2011, has struggled to achieve stable government due to ethnic and political divisions between the country's two major ethnic groups, the Dinka and Nuer.

Civil war broke out in the country in December 2013 and since then tens of thousands of people have been killed with around 2.4 million people driven from their homes. Despite a peace agreement signed in August last year, violence

broke out in the capital Juba in July and has spread to other parts of the country.

Dr. Hughes said, “I am saddened to hear that the violence in South Sudan is continuing and that the country is at risk of a full-scale civil war. After almost three years the devastating economic and humanitarian effects of the war are deepening across the whole country.

“An estimated 4.3 million people are now in need of food aid, as harvests have been disturbed for yet another year and the economic downturn in the country is continuing, with inflation now at 700%. May I again encourage people to pray for peace in South Sudan and to remember the people living there, especially those in need of humanitarian assistance and food aid.”

Bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya, PCI has close links with the East-Central African nation through the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Its Moderator, Rev. Peter Gai Lual, was welcomed to Belfast for PCI’s 2014 General Assembly, where he appealed for prayer for the Church, the

people of South Sudan and for the conflict to stop.

That same year, due to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the country, PCI launched a Moderator's Appeal for South Sudan. Presbyterians across Ireland subsequently raised £340,000 (€392,936).

“It is important that we also support the work of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan through our prayers, as they continue encouraging peace and good relations between communities, and for the key role in peace negotiations being played by the South Sudan Council of Churches,” Dr. Hughes continued.

“I would also encourage prayer too for our partners Christian Aid and Tearfund, who are working daily to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need.”

Direct aid from Clifton to Syria and Iraq

It started with a picture of a small boy, dazed and bloodied, sitting in an ambulance after an air

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strike in Aleppo. It ended with almost 3,000 boxes and bags of direct aid leaving Clifden in The West of Ireland for Syria and Iraq. This is the story of what happened in between.

The Very Revd Stan Evans of Omey Union, and his wife Rosemary were so moved by the plight of people suffering as a result of Syria's war that Stan came up with a plan: to gather and send warm clothing, blankets, duvets, crutches, walking aids to refugees looking down the barrel of a bitter winter in the camps of that region.

Stan contacted Samara Aid, a UK based relief initiative which uses Mission & Relief Logistics,

who are experts in transporting humanitarian aid to challenging places, to help with the logistics. Every parish in the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry was asked to come on board to help collect the items needed. The seed was sown and exploded into life from parish to community. And all of a sudden the project took on a momentum of its own as the Great People of The West and folk as far away as Cork and Belfast caught the vision and weighed in with unbelievable enthusiasm and energy. Collection drop-off points were set up in towns and villages across Galway, Mayo and Sligo. It became a truly ecumenical response. Christians Sans Frontieres!

The boxes and bags piled up and were brought by Charles Wills of Foxford to central distribution depots in Clifden, storage units provided freely by Liam Keogh and John Sweeny. Here, every single item was sorted and graded (only the best qualified) and packed and labeled. A little sticker was attached to each box: an Irish flag with the words 'From Irelande with Love'.

Teams of dozens of volunteers (far too many to mention individually) worked over a period of six weeks to get all in readiness. They varied from

Forum of Connemara, to the local Fire Brigade and RNLi members, to the Community Warden who donated black sacks, to 2nd year Community School students Paul and Aodan and Kieron and Eddie, to the 'ordinary' people of Clifden. So much love. So much generosity. So much selfless sacrifice of personal time and effort. A local lady put it like this: "Stan started telling us about Samara, that she said 'What can I do to help?' So she prayed for three days and then opened her Bible and read, 'Start gathering' – and that's what prompted her. And I thought to myself, 'If one woman could make a difference and God's hand was in all of it ... that's what encouraged me.'"

So on Monday 13th November 2016 a lorry load set off from Clifden Mart to a hospital in Syria. The following Wednesday another lorry set off to a camp outside Mosul, Iraq. A story of Christians of all traditions working together to make a real, tangible and concrete difference.

Preservation Award for St Mary's, Killarney

This year Killarney retained its Gold medal in the Tidy Towns competition. Following this award, the

Killarney Looking Good Committee held its own annual Awards Ceremony in the Killarney Plaza Hotel on 15th November to reward the many people who invested so much energy and dedication to making their business, area or house 'look good' for the Tidy Towns competition. There were thirty different categories awarded.

St Mary's Church won the Preservation Award for the church railings restoration project, and indeed not only did the project win its own category, it was also voted overall winner for 2016.

This project was first proposed in October 2015. Because of the dynamic project management of Klaus Nölke (a former Director of Liebherr and a member of St Mary's Church) and the active participation of the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and the Killarney Looking Good Committee, sufficient funds were raised from local businesses and individuals, and promises of resources and materiel help received by Christmas. The removal of the decrepit Victorian railings started on 4th January 2016 and the project completed a week before St Patrick's Day (the start of the tourist season in Killarney). The

subsequent assessment of the overall project indicated that the project cost €90,000.

This is a wonderful acknowledgment of the effort and generosity of the whole town and the many financial and resource benefactors, and more especially of the skills of Klaus Nölke.

The Ven Simon J Lumby (Archdeacon of Limerick and Aghadoe, and Rector of Killarney), on receiving the overall award, paid tribute to the effects and achievements of the whole community. He said: "I am delighted and honoured to receive this award on behalf of the whole community, without whose dedication and generosity this project could not, in such a short time, have succeeded so marvellously. The railings stand as a tribute to the whole community and as a delight to the visitor's eye."

News briefs

+++ Dromore institution and installation -The Revd Geoff Wilson will be instituted as incumbent of the Cathedral Parish of Dromore on Friday 18 November at 8.00 pm. At the same service, Bishop Harold Miler will install Revd Wilson as Dean of Dromore.

+++ Eye witness of West Bank and Israel -

Come and hear first-hand from Rev. Dr. John Parkin who has recently returned from the West Bank. What is daily life under occupation really like? What is the Israeli peace movement doing? What can we do to promote a just peace in Israel-occupied Palestine? Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 7.30 pm in Belfast South Methodist Church (Agape Centre)- 238 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GF. For more information please contact EAPPI on 020 7663 1144 or eappi@quaker.org.uk or www.quaker.org.uk/eappi

+++ World remembrance of road crash

victims - This Sunday marks *'World Remembrance Day for Road Crash Victims'* and it provides us with an opportunity as road users to reflect on the loss of loved ones, the suffering of families and others bereaved by someone killed on our roads. As of Monday November 14, an estimated 23,916 people have lost their lives on Irish roads since records began. So far this year, up to 164 people have died on Ireland's roads

+++ National Commemoration Service for Irish Seafarers - Will be held in Dublin on

Sunday, 20th November. It will be followed on the same day with an Ecumenical Service held in the National Maritime Museum, Dun Laoghaire. The annual service is hosted by the Maritime Institute of Ireland which this year marks a 75th anniversary.

The Annual Service for seafarers will be held in the capital at 12:00 hours at the City Quay Memorial to Irish Seafarer's which is dedicated to those lost at sea in WW2. Also notable this year is the centenary period of WW1 which this will add to the importance in recognising the enormity of both wars and the loss of life from Irish merchant ships. The memorial is located downriver nearby to Tara Street DART Station.

War-time Irish shipping companies 'House Flags' along with the banner of the Maritime Institute of Ireland will be paraded by the Sea Scouts. Wreaths will be laid at the memorial. In addition to addresses made the wreaths will be brought into Dublin Bay and floated on these waters. Traditionally this honour is performed on a rotational basis between the tugs of the Dublin Port Company, Naval Service vessels or a R.N.L.I. lifeboat.

On completion of ceremonial proceedings in Dublin (as above) the company will depart that afternoon of Sunday 20th November for the National Maritime Museum of Ireland in Dun Laoghaire. At 14:00hrs an ecumenical service is to be held in the museum housed in the former Church of Ireland Mariner's Church. The museum is located on Haigh Terrace opposite the Lexicon Library.

The service is to be conducted Fr. Pat Mernagh CF, army chaplain and Rev. William Black port chaplain. All are welcome to attend and following proceedings refreshments will be served.

+++ Cork Ecumenical Service - On the following weekend, the M.I.I.'s annual Cork Ecumenical Service will be held in the Port of Cork Office at 12:00 hrs, Sunday 27th November. The venue of the historic building on Custom House Street is located downriver from the nearby Cork City Bus Eireann station.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Why the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and I no longer sing from the same hymn sheet

Belfast Telegraph

churchnewsireland@gmail.com

Veteran chorister and journalist Victor Gordon

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/why-the-presbyterian-church-in-ireland-and-i-no-longer-sing-from-the-same-hymn-sheet-veteran-chorister-victor-gordon-35221141.html>

Nicola Sturgeon 'happy' to explore possibility of helping Northern Irish women obtain abortions in Scotland

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/nicola-sturgeon-happy-to-explore-possibility-of-helping-northern-irish-women-obtain-abortions-in-scotland-35224027.html>

Secret war against IRA: Main body progressing 'collusion' is the police ombudsman

Newsletter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/secret-war-against-ira-main-body-progressing-collusion-is-the-police-ombudsman-1-7683725>

It's good that our religious leaders take time to pray for politicians, but they need to talk to them as well

Belfast Telegraph

Nelson McCausland MLA writes

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/columnists/nelson-mccausland/its-good-that-our-religious-leaders-take-time-to-pray-for-politicians-but-they-need-to-talk-to-them-as-well-35221961.html>

Guard

Report that the Archbishop of Canterbury has agreed to be part of a commission on economic justice launched by a thinktank that will seek to remedy six key UK weaknesses. Archbishop Justin will join other leading figures including the General Secretary of the TUC, Frances O'Grady, and the Chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, Sir Charlie Mayfield, on the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) programme. Archbishop Justin said, "I am very pleased and honoured to be part of the commission on economic justice. I believe this is a unique opportunity to reflect on the vision for our economy for the next 20 years and, in a time of significant change and uncertainty, seek to put our economy on a foundation of values and virtues."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/nov/17/justin-welby-thinktank-ippr-build-vision-post-brexit-uk-economy>

Tel/Ind/Mirror/Christian Today/Premier/

Further coverage of a TV advert for Amazon, showing an imam and a vicar exchanging gifts. The ad features the Revd Gary Bradley, vicar of Little Venice in north-west London, who once gave up a possible acting career to follow a call to the ministry. The imam is

played by Zubeir Hassam, principal of the Muslim School Oadby, in Leicestershire, who has an active role in forging closer links between faith communities in the area. A spokesman for the Church of England is quoted.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/16/imam-and-vicars-knees-become-unlikely-advertising-stars/>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/amazon-christmas-advert-2016-video-priest-imam-xmas-a7420856.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/amazons-christmas-advert-features-vicar-9273275#ICID=ns>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Vicar-stars-in-new-Amazon-TV-advert>

Christian Today

Report that hundreds of Anglicans have signed up to a new website set up in support of clergy on a list released by Gafcon UK of clergy known to be in same sex relationships or who have officiated or publicly supported gay unions in the Church of England. The new website, launched on Tuesday following the release of the Gafcon list, also encourages signatures from those who want to declare a 'violation' of the Lambeth Conference resolution 1.10 on human sexuality.

Times/BBC/Tel/Mail/Guard

Report that a former senior lawyer at the public inquiry into child abuse has written a critique of its conduct and management during a series of recent scandals. *The Times* reports that Hugh Davies, QC, condemns the handling of a claim of sexual assault alleged to have occurred at the offices of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). Mr Davies outlined his concerns in a letter to the Commons Home Affairs select committee, which is expected to publish it next week. He wrote the account in response to a letter from the committee to lawyers who had resigned from the IICSA asking them to explain their reasons for doing so.

The *BBC and Guardian* report that the inquiry has delayed hearings into the late Lord Janner. An inquiry official said there was "significant overlap" between its investigation and criminal proceedings, which could cause prejudice in court. The IICSA is investigating historical sexual abuse of children in a number of national institutions, including the C of E.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/abuse-inquiry-mishandled-sexual-assault-claim-zx7przf8c>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38000909>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/16/child-sex-abuse-inquiry-crisis-another-senior-lawyer-quits-over/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3940964/Child-abuse-inquiry-plunges-chaos-senior-lawyer-quits-two-barristers-poised-leave.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/nov/16/child-abuse-inquiry-into-handling-of-lord-janner-case-delayed>

Ind/Premier

Reports that responding to an urgent question in the Commons, Robert Goodwill, the Home Office minister, said that 300 children – including 19 girls at the weekend – had been relocated in Britain since French authorities began dismantling the so-called Jungle in Calais in October. It is expected that “several hundred” further children will be granted refugee status in the UK in the coming weeks. Peter Hill, Bishop of Barking and a spokesman for *Citizens UK* which has campaigned and helped bring over a number of children from the camp, is quoted.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/government-efforts-to-resettle-unaccompanied-child-migrants-from-calais-branded-a-disgrace-a7421081.html>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Bishop-criticises-government-plans-to-take-in-Calais-refugee-children>

BBC

Report that a C of E vicar been charged with eight voyeurism offences after men were allegedly filmed in public toilets. Martin Thrower, 55, Rector of Hadleigh, Layham and Shelley in Suffolk, was arrested in Ipswich on August 4. He is due to appear before Ipswich Magistrates on December 19.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-suffolk-38006299>

Prospect Magazine

Reviews former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan William's new book, *The Tragic Imagination*.

<http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/magazine/rowan-williamss-tragic-mistake>